Independent Commission for minorities/SC/ST/OBCs

3889. SHRIMATI SYEDAANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to create an independent Commission on the lines of the UPSC to provide jobs to minorities, SCs, STs and backward classes in the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

RTI information on website

3890. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry's website reports that "file noting" does not come under the definition of "information" under Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is no such provision in the Act; and

(c) if so, the reasons for interpreting the definition of "information" beyond the ambit of the Act and giving the same on website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Act does not specifically provide for disclosure of file notings. The position taken on the website is in accordance with the legislative intent.

Training of IAS officers

3891. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a mandatory for Indian Administrative Services officers to take training in foreign country;

(b) if so, the number of IAS officers that have so far gone abroad for such training during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Corruption in public servants

3892. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Government's perception regarding prevalence of corruption in public servants in the country, its volume, its extent, its remifications etc.;

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken recently by Government/ NGO/any other national or international Agency;

(c) if so, the details and conclusions thereof;

(d) whether Government realize that shoddy investigations and prosecution and long delays in sanctioning prosecution often result in defeating the objectives of fighting corruption; and

(e) in above context, the number of cases that are awaiting Government's permission for prosecuting public servants in corruption cases and since how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Government has not undertaken any survey or study regarding prevalence of corruption in the country.

(b) and (c) Information on any survey conducted by any NGO/any other national or international agency is not centrally maintained.